



BDCP

BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN

## Session 3 – Conservation Plan Approach

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## What is conservation planning?

- Allow projects that impact species to proceed
- Project proponents implement a conservation strategy that contributes to recovery of species



## Why do conservation planning?

- Comprehensive, ecosystem-based
- Reliable funding and implementation
- Open and transparent
- Collaborative
- Voluntary
- Flexible, adaptable
- Long-term and stable
- Science-based



## What are the limitations of the existing approach?

- Piece-meal approach
- Many approvals needed from many different resource agencies
- Major delays, uncertainty, significant costs
- Limited ability to address big picture issues on a longer time scale
- Uncoordinated and small-scale mitigation



## What will the BDCP offer in terms of a better approach?



## BDCP Organization and Progress

2006

- Steering Committee
- Planning Agreement

2007

- Conservation Concepts
- Points of Agreement

2008

- Working Groups
- Biological Goals and Objectives
- Draft Conservation Strategy
- Overview

2009

- Modeling
- Adaptive management
- Governance
- Alternatives
- Refine conservation measures
- Terrestrial species
- Draft plan

# BDCP and Related Planning Efforts

